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were He to return on earth, would not recognize one feature.

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(To Charles Thompson, 1816. C. VI., 518.)

CHRISTIANITY.—See Jesus, Religion. f

CHURCH AND STATE.—Our sister States of Pennsylvania and New York have long subsisted without any establishment at all. The experiment was new and doubtful when they made it. It has answered beyond conception. They flourish infinitely. Religion is well supported; of various kinds indeed, but all good enough; all sufficient to preserve peace and order; or if a sect f

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arises whose tenets would subvert morals, good sense has fair play, and reason laughs it out of doors, without suffering the f

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State to be troubled with it. Their harmony is unparalleled, and can be ascribed to nothing but their unbounded tolerance, because there is no other circumstance in which they differ from every nation on earth. They have made the happy discov- j

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ery, that the way to silence religious disputes is to take no notice of them. (From "Notes on Virginia," 1782. F. Ill., 265.) f

— CINCINNATI, SOCIETY OF.—A single fibre left of this institution will produce an hereditary aristocracy which will change the form of our government from the best to the worst in the world. The branches of this institution cover all the States. i

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ern ones at this time are aristocratical in their
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that that spirit should grow and extend itself is
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natural order of things. I do not flatter myself with
the immor- j
tality of our governments; but I shall think little
also of their i
longevity unless this germ of destruction is taken
out. (To

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George Washington, written in Paris, 1786. F. IV.,
329.) |

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CITIES.—When great evils happen, I am in the habit of
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out for what good may arise from them as
consolations to us, |
and Providence has in fact so established the order
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as that most evils are the means of producing some
good. The • I
yellow fever will discourage the growth of great
cities in our j
nation, and I view great cities as pestilential to the
morals, the j
health, and the liberties of man. True they nourish
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elegant arts, but the useful ones can thrive
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perfection in the others with more health, virtue
and freedom

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